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David Christensen, Director of McHenry County Emergency Management Agency has been accepted to attend the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Emergency Management Leaders Academy at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). The National Emergency Management Leaders Academy reinforces the qualities needed to lead emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts, and utilizes an experiential education approach with activities and case studies. By working within their cohort, Leaders Academy participants work within a collaborative environment on projects and establish a network of peers.

Director Christensen will attend resident courses in the Leaders Academy series that include progressive week long courses titled, An Overview of Leadership in Emergency Management; Application of Personal Leadership in Emergency Management; Leadership in the Emergency Management Organization; and Emergency Management Leadership in the Community and Profession.

The Leadership Academy is designed for emergency management leaders in state, local, tribal, territorial and Federal government agencies; non-profit voluntary organizations; and the private sector. Enduring themes of the Academy include: whole community, innovation, critical thinking and complex problem solving.

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"To provide administrative support and implement policies and directives as determined by the county board."